Cargo Terminal, Fire Station and ATC cum Technical Block have been completed. The arrival and departure areas of the Terminal Building have been made operational and are being utilized by the various Airline agencies. The building has been completed to the extent of 96% and only minor works are pending. The building shall be completed in all respect by 31st March, 2006. Initially, the building shall be without aerobridge, the action for which has been taken and the aerobridge shall be provided within a period of 6 months time.

(b) The work shall be completed within the estimated sanctioned amount of Rs. 79.27 crores.

Air Service between Delhi and Guwahati

1491. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state whether Government are contemplating to introduce a morning flight from Guwahati to Delhi and an evening flight from Delhi to Guwahati to facilitate the people of North-East to have their work done during the day and return to Guwahati in the evening?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): Government does not regulate the timings of flights and the airlines are free to decide their timings according to their commercial judgement. So far as Indian Airlines is concerned, they do not have any plans at present to introduce morning/evening services with day return facility between Delhi and Guwahati due to acute capacity constraints.

Outstanding dues of AAI from private airlines

1492. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the outstanding dues of Airports Authority of India (AAI) from private airlines for landing and parking license fee, electricity charges etc. as on 15th January, 2006;

(b) whether outstanding dues of M/s Air Deccan from N.S.C.B. International Airport, Kolkata alone is Rs. 1 crore for the period from 1st October to 31st December, 2005; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay in payment and action taken by AAI to liquidate the dues and to penalize the defaulting private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Dues on January 15, 2006 from various private airlines (Rupees in lakhs) to Airports Authority of India are as follows:—

Jet Airways-2120.20, Sahara Airlines-746.94, Air Deccan-1584.23, Spice Jet-94.88, Kingfisher-347.38, East West Airlines-1622, NEPCAirines-354.98, Skyline NEPC-166.10, Archana Airways-39.62, Mesco Airlines-306.23, ElbeeAir-102.96, VIF Airways-24.79, Continental Aviation-184, Jagson Airlines-131.26.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Dues are monitored regularly by Airports Authority of India and action through Legal/Arbitration/Public Premises (PPE) Act is taken wherever necessary. Besides, interest is levied for the overdue period on defaulting airlines and they are put on operation on Cash & Carry basis.

Evaluation of AAI assets

1493. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total assets of Airports Authority of India as on 1st April, 2005;

(b) whether any valuation thereof has been undertaken by Government or by any authorised agency and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total assets of Delhi and Mumbai Airports and its total valuation; and

(d) whether such valuation is based on the report of any official agency and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The value of the gross block of Airports Authority of India (AAI) as on 1st April, 2005 was Rs. 5265.35 crores

(b) No such valuation of assets of AAI has so far been carried out.

(c) and (d) As per the books of accounts of AAI, the value of the gross block of Delhi and Mumbai airports as on 1st April, 2005 is Rs. 847.22 crores and Rs. 911.47 crores respectively.